GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of new, ongoing/pending projects, doubling of rail line, surveys for laying new rail lines and ROB/RUB in West Bengal alongwith targets fixed for their completion;

(b) the amount allocated and spent thereon till date, project-wise;

(c) whether some of these projects are behind the schedule; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the said work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) A Statement is attached.

(c) & (d) The projects are being progressed as per the availability of resources. Efforts are being made to generate non-budgetary resources to expedite completion of the ongoing projects. A number of initiatives have been taken for getting additional resources through Public / Private Partnership, cost sharing with State Governments, funding through Ministry of Defence, National Rail Vikas Yojana and additional funds for National projects. In the case of ROBs sanctioned on cost sharing basis, the State Government of West Bengal has not provided commensurate funds to take all the sanctioned works for physical execution. Railways are having periodical meetings with State Government officials to request for provision of sufficient funds, and give consent to take up works pending for final decisions / consent by State Government.